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**Draft Minutes of the
Park-Euclid Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 27th meeting**

February 9, 2005, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
State of Arizona Regional Office Complex
400 W. Congress, North Building, Conference Room 158
Tucson, Arizona

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CAB Members Present: Keith Bagwell, Richard Byrd, Don Davis, Nadine Gruhn, Mark Marikos, Jacky Turchick, Jonathan Salvatierra, Josefina Zapata

CAB Members Absent: Freya Eddy, Steven Turner, Mario Villarreal

ADEQ Staff Present: Matt Doolen, Project Manager; Eileen Palese, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the Public Present: Abe Marques, Joe Drazek, Ira Haskell, Brian Barbaris, Larry Gardiner, Krista Dearing

The meeting began at 6:40 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Co-Chair Don Davis conducted introductions of the CAB and of the public participants.

2. Approval of Minutes for 8/25/04 and 9/22/04 CAB Meetings

Jacky Turchick motioned to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2004, and September 22, 2004, CAB meetings. Mark Marikos seconded the motion. The CAB voted all in favor; none opposed.

3. Vote on Membership Application: Ira Haskell

Don Davis explained the voting procedures. He invited the CAB to ask Ira Haskell questions. The CAB voted on his nomination; all were in favor, none opposed. Ira Haskell joined the CAB at the table.

The CAB discussed the resignation of Mario Villarreal, who left Tucson to become the plant manager in El Paso, Texas for Mission Linen Supply. The CAB discussed the membership vacancy. Jonathan Salvatierra suggested that the position should be open to anyone interested. Richard Byrd

suggested the CAB ask Mission Linen if they want to recommend a replacement for Mario Villarreal. Jonathan Salvatierra said someone from Union Pacific Railroad might want to join. Matt Doolen said they had been invited to join in a letter sent to the company, but they chose to only take part in the Technical Advisory Committee for the site. The CAB discussed ways to increase membership from the local neighborhoods and other people interested in joining the CAB. Don Davis said if someone expresses an interest, CAB members should provide them with an application.

Joe Drazek said that Mario Villarreal was unique in that he was a long-time employee of Mission Linen who knew a lot about the history of the dry cleaning operations at the facility. He said he would ask if anyone else from the plant wants to participate. The CAB suggested it could also be a plant worker.

4. Site Investigation Update plus Q&A

Matt Doolen presented the current data from the routine sampling round performed in November 2004 at the Park-Euclid WQARF site. He said ADEQ is not seeing any significant change in the plume configurations or concentrations. He displayed overheads showing the PCE plumes in the perched and regional aquifers and described the latest sampling results. He said the highest concentrations are still under the main Mission Linen building. The groundwater flow direction in the regional aquifer is to the north/northeast. The plume is being contained south of Arroyo Chico. He said another plume to the northwest in the shallow aquifer is associated with a different, former dry cleaning operation.

He described the concentrations in the regional aquifer, which is the drinking water aquifer, of most concern to ADEQ and the focus of the Remedial Investigation (RI) and Remedial Objectives. He said ADEQ continues to monitor the three University of Arizona wells which have been sampled on a regular basis for five years. He pointed out the well locations and discussed the levels of contamination, which are currently low. He outlined some possible remediation techniques which will be covered during the Remedial Objectives phase of the project. He said the goal of the groundwater cleanup is to ensure that the regional aquifer will be able to be used for drinking water purposes.

Jacky Turchick asked how close the plume comes to the area of the Arroyo Chico Wash where digging will take place for the flood control project. Matt Doolen said that the perched aquifer is about 90 feet below the surface so the excavation will not disrupt it at that depth. He said that even after the RI is completed, ADEQ will continue to monitor the wells, and he said that they already have a lot of data to help determine if there is any impact in the future from the flood project construction.

Matt Doolen provided an overview of the steps in the RI process. He said he is now preparing the Draft Remedial Objectives Report which will soon be reviewed internally by ADEQ. He hopes it will be approved within the next few weeks. Once approved, it will be released for public comment. The report is not as large as the draft RI. It outlines what was found out from water providers, land owners in the area, and government entities, and what the objectives should be. He said this helps to focus efforts toward completion of the Feasibility Study. The options must be consistent with the Remedial Objectives. He said the public will be notified of a 30-day comment period once the Proposed Remedial Objectives Report is released, and the CAB is welcome to comment on it. After

the comment period, a final report is prepared and then merged with the final RI. At that time, ADEQ will begin to consider options for cleanup. He said the process has taken a long time; site characterization began in the early 90s. Mission Linen and ADEQ have done a lot of work, and now that the RI has been completed, the process will be more compressed. He said the next meetings can cover what the future will hold for the site. CAB and public participants asked questions about site characteristics.

5. Site Activity Update -Mission Linen plus Q&A

Joe Drazek reported that the Soil Vapor Extraction System (SVE) installed at the facility was shut down, but two quarterly reports show that levels of contaminants have been consistently going down from where they began. He said there was a moisture problem with the SVE, but new equipment has been ordered so the carbon drums will now operate properly. He said the latest data showed some rebound in concentrations after the system had been off, but the levels were low. He said that Mission Linen's contractor, URS, has installed five new extraction wells as part of their Multiphase Extraction System. He apologized for some late night drilling that took place. He said the system design is finished, the equipment has been ordered, and they hope to install the system within the next few months. He said that applications have been made to Pima County for the air quality permit as well as a groundwater withdrawal permit. He said the system will be housed inside the southeast corner of the building and it will run 24-hours a day. The wells will extract both vapors and liquids from the system. The pilot test performed over a year ago was successful in removing mass from the shallow aquifer.

6. Arroyo Chico Project Update/Basin One Construction

Richard Byrd said that the City of Tucson Department of Transportation keeps him informed about the Arroyo Chico project. He said the last step was to finalize the intergovernmental agreement between Pima County, the City of Tucson, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, and the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD). He said the agreement was finally signed in the last few weeks and they will finalize a project coordination agreement in March. He said that some of the roles have changed through the process. The original agreement was that, once the basins were in place, the City of Tucson would maintain them through their Parks and Recreation Department. Pima County will now provide the maintenance through its parks department. He said because of that, the City of Tucson Transportation Department took extra steps to ensure that the 18 points developed by the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Arroyo Chico Project would be maintained and not altered. He provided the document to the CAB outlining the 18 points.

Richard Byrd answered questions about why this change occurred, which he believes may have had to do with funding. He reassured the CAB that nothing has been changed from the final design presented by the U.S. Army Corps—the Basin 1 design has not been changed, the depth of the existing channel will stay the same; and the flow regime up to a 10 year event will not change.

CAB members asked questions about the maintenance agreements between the city and the county. Richard Byrd said that both entities made sure that the concerns of neighborhood groups were addressed, and the Mayor and Council insisted upon this.

Jacky Turchick asked where someone could get a copy of the actual agreement. Richard Byrd read the agreement to the CAB. He said the document will be placed in the Main Library in Tucson with other project documents. Don Davis stated that he assumed since there were no changes to the plan,

ADEQ was satisfied. Matt Doolen said that ADEQ was still satisfied with the plan. CAB members asked additional questions about how the area will be run as a park. He suggested people call the Pima County Parks and Recreation Department if they had questions about operating hours.

Jacky Turchick said the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the project is now in limbo--when they met participants were told that it was no longer an official group. She said there is some pressure underway to have this committee continue as an official group. She said she realizes that this is not a problem for the CAB to address.

Matt Doolen addressed the removal of monitoring wells in the project area. He said that in the initial investigations in the shallow aquifer, ADEQ wanted to compile information about the area but knew the wells would have to be abandoned when the construction of the project began. He said there are additional wells installed further out to provide the needed data. He said that the Arizona Department of Water Resources has strict guidelines on abandonment of those wells and that the wells were abandoned according to those guidelines.

7. Call to the Public

No one wished to comment.

8. Future Role of CAB 2005/2006

Matt Doolen said that ADEQ will be moving into a different phase of the project and he will come prepared to the next meeting to describe the next steps in the remedial process.

9. Other Administrative Business

Don Davis requested a letter of resignation from Mario Villarreal. Joe Drazek said he will ask him to resign in writing to the CAB.

10. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion

The CAB discussed when to hold the next meeting and decided to wait to set the date at the time when the Remedial Objectives report is released for public comment. Matt Doolen believed this would occur in June. Don Davis asked to have the whole report mailed to the CAB prior to the meeting so they could come prepared to comment. Matt Doolen said this could be done.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on cassette tapes as a record of the proceedings. To listen to the tape(s) or for additional documents mentioned in these minutes, contact ADEQ's Southern Regional Office, Community Involvement Office, 520/628-6712.